



BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

MEETING DATE: JUNE 16, 2026 **AGENDA ITEM #: 8**

TYPE: ACTION ITEM

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SUBJECT: Approval of Updated Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors approve updates to MTD’s Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, Version 7.0, as reviewed and approved by MTD’s Safety Committee and signed by MTD’s Accountable Executive.

DISCUSSION:

MTD’s Safety Committee has completed the Annual Review of the Agency Safety Plan (ASP) and made updates to the Safety Performance Targets (SPTs) to reflect the most current three-year average of MTD’s reportable data to the National Transit Database (NTD), from 2023, 2024 and 2025. SPTs are specific numerical targets based on safety performance measures established under Federal Transit Administration’s (FTA) National Public Transportation Safety Plan (NSP), identifying seven (7) required measures. MTD’s ASP incorporates these measures and includes the SPTs established by Easy Lift, MTD’s contracted ADA/paratransit service provider.

Updated SPTs based on averages 2023, 2024 and 2025

Mode of Transit Service	Fatalities (Total)	Fatalities (Rate)	Injuries (Total)	Injuries (Rate)	Safety Events (Total)	Safety Events (Rate)	System Reliability
Fixed Route Bus	0	0	2.66	0.13	3.66	0.17	9,000
ADA/Paratransit	0	0	5.0	0.20	7.0	0.29	50,000

BACKGROUND:

On July 19, 2018, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Final Rule, 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 673. Operators of public transportation systems that receive federal funds under FTA’s Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grants, were required to develop an Agency Safety Plan (ASP) by July 20, 2021. MTD’s Board of Directors adopted MTD’s ASP on November 3, 2020.

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The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established additional PTASP requirements effective December 31, 2022, for agencies receiving section 5307 funds. Most of those requirements are based on the size of the Urbanized Areas (UZA) that transit agencies serve. With the results of the 2020 Census, published in 2023, MTD moved from serving a small UZA to a large UZA, defined as a population area of 200,000 or more. FTA formally recognized MTD as a large UZA effective October 1, 2023, with the start of the new Federal fiscal year.

FTA published an updated version of the NSP that became effective May 13, 2024, that expanded the SPTs to include an additional seven (7) measures: Collision Rate, Pedestrian Collision Rate, Vehicular Collision Rate, Transit Worker Fatality Rate, Transit Worker Injury Rate, Assaults on Transit Workers, and Rate of Assaults on Transit Workers.

SPTs are calculated on a three-year average. As such, MTD's ASP will reflect these new measures upon the Annual Review by the Safety Committee in 2028.

ATTACHMENT:

Santa Barbara MTD Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, Version 7.0